Document No. 999/09/08 : CIA-RDPB2:00497R0094006169 letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States 25X1A Auth: Next Review Date: 2008 By: OIL Date: 3 INTELLIGENCE REPORT 25X1X COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)/U.S.S.R. SUBJECT Living Conditions of Oberspreewerk DIST. Personnel in U.S.S.R. 27 February 1947 25X1A PAGES 2 SUPPLEMENT ORIGIN 25X1X Following are excerpts from one letter, postmarked Gorki, 8 November 1946: "... We do not know much about the details of our future life. We are now able to write by normal foreign mail service and are also allowed to receive mail from Germany that way. The address is (write it in German and Russian): Gorki Oblast 25X1X Kstov Raion Sanatorium Karpova,

Delivery takes about twenty days.

"We are living in a sanatorium south of Gorki and directly on the Volge. At the moment we are provisionally quartered in individual rooms. Each family will get a three-room apartment. The first two bouses, for sixteen families, will be ready next week. The rest can then be spread out a bit here in this house. We are, in all, only thirty parties, who hardly fit together. We do not know what happened to the others.

"As they have not been in any hurry to put us to work in the Gorki plant, where we are supposed to work, we wonder whether they are lying to us and whether we may, after all, meet up with the others somewhere else. Meantime, we are having a simply fantastic recuperation period.

and there are sensible washrooms, shower baths. There is service for laundry and cleaning up. The food is excellent: three meals a day with several courses. In short, it is like a good summer pension, including the insufficient food of any pension. However, we have hot-plates in our rooms, with which we can cook the liberal rations given us.

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"We are completely at liberty and unguarded. We will soon be able to go into Gorki.

"We all get good winter clothing, fur coats, fur hats, and boots, and receive 3,000 to 8,000 rubles, depending on grade and family state, with which to purchase anything we need. Medical and dental care is supplied.

"Work hours will be 45 hours per week. What are people thinking about what happened to us? What are they going to do about it?

*Please send my hot-plate. We have 220 volts here, but get between 150 and 220 volts. As soon as we can send packages, I will send you a few cubic meters of wood.

- 3. All news thus far received from OSW personnel in the USSR indicates that persons have been divided into three to rive groups allocated to Moscow, Tula, Leningrad, Gorki, and perhaps Odessa. Stahn, former director of the OSW x-ray tube department, is in charge of an x-ray laboratory in Leningrad.
- 4. Crates being used for OSW dismantled material are marked:

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